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1. SENATOR INOUYE VISITED ME TO REVIEW PROSPECTS FOR THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION CONFERENCE, NOW EXPECTED SEPTEMBER 21 OR SEPTEMBER 22. WITH REGARD TO THE UN UNIVERSITY, INOUYE EXPRESSED; IS FEELING OF FRUSTRATION THAT THE JAPANESE ARE NOT SUFFICIENTLY COOPERATIVE IN INTERNATIONAL MATTERS --E.G., TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. IN THE PAST, SENATOR INOUYE HAS EXPRESSED THE FEELING THAT THE JAPANESE PURSUE THEIR OWN ECONOMIC INTERESTS UNDER THE MILITARY UMBRELLA OF THE UNITED STATES CONFIDENTIAL

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WITHOUT HAVING TO BEAR ANY OF THE COST. INOUYE STATES HIS FRUSTRATION WITH JAPAN IS SHARED BY OTHERS IN THE CONGRESS, AND THAT HIS POSITION ON THE UNU IS AN EFFORT TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE JAPANESE. PROVIDED HE IS ASSURED THIS MESSAGE HAS GOTTEN THROUGH, HE STATES THAT HE MAY BE WILLING TO ACCEPT AT LEAST PART OF THE \$10 MILLION FUNDING FOR THE UNU WHICH IS IN THE HOUSE BILL.

2. AS YOU CAN SEE, INOUYE'S VIEWPOINT ON UNU APPEARS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT HE HAD TOLD US EARLIER (REFTEL). HE HAS ALSO LINKED HIS RELUCTANT ATTITUDE ON UNU TO JAPANESE LACK OF RESPONSIVENESS ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. HE WOULD PLAINLY BE VERY APPRECIATIVE IF YOU COULD CONVEY HIS VIEWS AND THOSE OF HIS COLLEAGUES TO APPROPRIATE JAPANESE OFFICIALS SO HE CAN BE CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL SENTIMENT IS CLEAR TO THE GOJ. VANCE

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